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In re Application of :
John B. Fenn, et al :
Serial No. 07/911,405 : DECISION ON PETITION
Filed: July 10, 1992 :
For: METHOD OF PRODUCING MULTIPLY :
CHARGED IONS AND FOR DETERMINING :
MOLECULES WEIGHTS OF MOLECULES :
BY USE OF THE MULTIPLY CHARGED :
IONS OF MOLECULES :

This is a decision on the petition filed August 13, 1992,
requesting that the above-identified application be accorded a
filing date of July 10, 1992.

The application, which is a divisional application under 37 CFR
1.60, was deposited on July 10, 1992. The filing included a copy
of the prior application, but not a copy of the signed
declaration. Effective February 27, 1983, applicant must provide
the copy of the prior application, including a copy of the signed
declaration, for a 37 CFR 1.60 application. Therefore,
Application Branch mailed a Notice on August 6, 1992, requiring a
copy of the signed declaration and stating that the filing date
would be the date of receipt of the declaration. However, it is
noted that prior application Serial No. 07/773,776 issued as
Patent No. 5,130,538 on July 14, 1992. Therefore, the earlier
filing date is necessary to establish copendency between the
prior application and the above-identified application in order
for the above-identified application to be considered a proper
filing under 37 CFR 1.60.

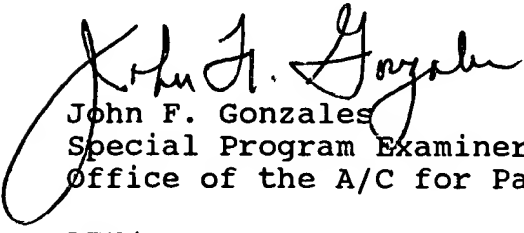
In response, on August 13, 1992, the present petition, a check
for \$140.00 for the petition fee, and a request that the PTO
prepare a copy of the parent application declaration were filed.

In this application, the failure to file a true copy of the
signed declaration was an inadvertent error. A copy of the
declaration from the parent application serial number 07/650,200,
which is a FWC continuation of serial number 07/683,105, which,
in turn, is a FWC continuation of serial number 07/354,393, has
been placed in this application.

The petition is granted.

It is noted that the copy of the specification supplied by applicant is not a clean copy of the specification as it contains numerous handwritten alterations. To expedite processing, a clean copy has been prepared by this Office.

This application is being forwarded to Application Branch for further processing with a filing date of July 10, 1992, as a divisional application under 37 CFR 1.60 of prior application Serial No. 773,776, using the copy of the prior application prepared by the Office.



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